

About the Medical Reserve Corps

✎ The **Medical Reserve Corps** (MRC) was founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. The **MRC** is a partner program of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, along with the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Peace Corps are all part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the nation.

✎ **MRC** units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers—medical professionals and others—who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. **MRC** volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

✎ **MRC** volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers, and legal advisors, can fill other vital support positions.

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SOUTH WEST ALABAMA MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS



South West Alabama Medical Preparedness, a unit of the Medical Reserve Corps, a national corps of medical and non-medical volunteers who are deployed in times of emergency.

JOIN SOUTH WEST ALABAMA'S MOST RAPIDLY GROWING GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO ASSISTING WITH MEDICAL NEEDS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY.

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SWAMP Mission:

To establish and maintain a team of local volunteers in the medical and public health profession who can contribute their skills and expertise throughout the year, as well, as during times of community need.

SWAMP Volunteers:

Support local public health initiatives and the goals of the Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2010, while advancing the priorities of the Surgeon General:

- ✎ Promoting disease prevention
- ✎ Improving health literacy
- ✎ Eliminating health disparities
- ✎ Enhancing public health preparedness

Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.

Participate in community preparedness activities, such as exercises for shelters, mass prophylaxis, vaccination clinics, and other emergency scenarios.

Train with local emergency response partners.



Training:

- ✎ Alabama Incident Management System (AIMS)
- ✎ Legal Issues During a Disaster
- ✎ Hospital Emergency Incident Management System (HICS)
- ✎ Bioterrorism Awareness
- ✎ Pandemic Preparedness
- ✎ The Role of Public Health in Disaster Response
- ✎ Clinical Triage
- ✎ National Incident Management System (Levels 100, 200, 700)

All physicians, physician assistants, nurses, psychologists, licensed counselors and social workers must attend this training. All training is provided by the University of South Alabama, sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Volunteers may receive CME and CEU credits for completing the training.

How do I register?

✎ Contact Missy Baxley, SWAMP Coordinator, 251.433.4456 or email mbaxley@volunteermobile.org to receive a Volunteer Registration form and instructions.

✎ After completing a Volunteer Registration form, you will receive information about the role you can play in SWAMP. If you are a medical professional, your license will then be verified by the appropriate licensing agency in the state of Alabama.



SWAMP members participate in one of the many training courses offered to volunteers.